

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A press-clamping terminal comprising:

a conductor-clamping portion for press-fastening an
outer periphery of a conductor part of a wire for electric
5 connection;

wherein a plating layer being excellent in electrical
conductivity is formed at least on an inner surface of said
conductor-clamping portion, and said plating layer is harder
than a passivation layer formed on a surface of said conductor
10 part.

2. A press-clamping terminal according to claim 1, wherein
said plating layer is a hard nickel-plating layer having Vickers
hardness (Hv) of not smaller than 500.

15 3. A press-clamping terminal according to claim 1, wherein
said plating layer is a nickel composite plating layer in which
material molecular crystals, harder than said passivation layer
formed on the surface of said conductor part, are dispersed in
20 an eutectoid condition.

4. A press-clamping terminal according to claim 1, wherein
said plating layer is formed into a dull finish.